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Philladelphia July 20.th 1776

Honoured Father and Mother

I Send this Hopeing it will find you and all Your Familey in Good Health as I am at Preasant and have Been Since I left Annapolis as for Your Advise I am Verey Much Obliged to You, but am Very Sorry aney Body Should Raise Such false Reports. the Girl is not in Company with me She is a long With the Soldiers in the Barracks with five More Women I have Nothing to Say to Her and I hope You will not think any more of it. Mr and Mrs Roberts use me Very well and Desire to Be Remembered to You as for Newes I have none to Acquaint You of But that we Expect to go from here to New York Tomorrow and When we Get to N [blurred] the Camp I Shall Write we are all In Good Spirits. Remember Me to all Inquiring friends

William Sands

New York llugar 14. 1776. [D11604A] Honowed Father and Mother I Sind to inform you that I am will and Diete horty as This will finds wow and all the Famile Maryland Battation Lie Concarified mile fit out of Newyork where we day in a Ver Secure a land there is about 200 hours Sail of the Ring's Them Lay Close Bor a 2 of which by the help of our Rogallies and Floating Batteries we Capiet to how them for own own Was in a little Time, Gestoray the Enemy hards A Bunforement of that Daming Bascal Dumous Flist as we Capiet, Have was about 40 Sails. we are Caused to hold own Silves in Bready info me Eschect an Attacko howerby, we have Lost a lineal many of our Troops thay have powerled from no at The Madelphia and Bligatith Town and a Great Many Siche in the Orpitale Those is Rations liven out at New York for 6000 Min payley. John Underson is in a Company of Billi Mon Stationed Clove by us. I Should be Glag it you will Rite to me the first Opportunity and Let me know the News It those is dry in this. Winter in amapolio those that and of us Killed on Jong Island augued 27th 1776, Pilliam Sando

Honoured Father and Mother

I Send to inform you that I am well and Quite herty as I hope this will find you and all the Family our Maryland Battalion Li[e]s Encamp'd on a hill about one Mile out of Newyork where we Lay in a Very Secure Place. There is about 200 Sail of the King's Ships Lay Close By us 2 of [illegible] one Forty Gun Ship one 36 Gun [illegible] North River but got a Good deal damaged we have Sunk Shiverdepiede[?] in the Channel to Keep them from coming down a Gain which by the help of our Regallies and Floating Batteries we Expect to have them for our own Use in a little Time. Yesterday the Enemy had A Reinforcement of that Damn'd Rascal Dunmore's Fleet as we Expect. there was About 40 Sail we are Ordered to hold our Selves in Readyness we Expect an Attack hourly, we have Lost a Great many of our Troops they have deserted from us at Philladelphia and Elizabeth Town. and a Great Many Sick in the Ospitals thare is Rations Given out at New York for 6000 Men dayley. John Anderson is in a Company of RifleMen Stationed Close by us. I Should be Glad if You will Rite to me the first Opportunity and Let me Know the News If there is Any in that Part of the Country. we Expect Please God to Winter in Annapolis [,] those that Live of us

William Sands